BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-342-C - ORDER NO. 2006-206

MARCH 31, 2006

Application of Comtel Telcom Assets LP)	ORDER GRANTING
d/b/a VarTec Telecom, Clear Choice)	EXTENSION TO FILE
Communications, Excel Telecommunications)	REVISED TARIFFS AND
and VarTec Solutions for a Certificate of)	AUTHORIZED UTILITY
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	REPRESENTATIVE
Interexchange and Local Exchange)	INFORMATION FORM
Telecommunications Services, for Flexible)	
Regulatory Treatment, Alternative)	
Regulation, and for Approval to Acquire)	
Certain Assets of VarTec Telecom, Inc.,)	
Excel Telecommunications, Inc. and VarTec)	
Solutions, Inc.)	
	d/b/a VarTec Telecom, Clear Choice Communications, Excel Telecommunications and VarTec Solutions for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services, for Flexible Regulatory Treatment, Alternative Regulation, and for Approval to Acquire Certain Assets of VarTec Telecom, Inc., Excel Telecommunications, Inc. and VarTec	d/b/a VarTec Telecom, Clear Choice Communications, Excel Telecommunications and VarTec Solutions for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services, for Flexible Regulatory Treatment, Alternative Regulation, and for Approval to Acquire Certain Assets of VarTec Telecom, Inc., Excel Telecommunications, Inc. and VarTec

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Comtel Telcom Assets LP (Comtel) to extend the date for filing revised tariffs and the Authorized Utility Representative Information Form in the present docket. On October 20, 2005, Comtel filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to provide interexchange and local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina and for approval of an acquisition of assets. By Order No. 2006-107, issued February 15, 2006, the Commission granted Comtel a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina and approved the requested acquisition.

In Order No. 2006-107, the Commission directs Comtel to..."file its revised tariff and an accompanying price list for any applicable rates within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order." The Commission further directs Comtel in Order No. 2006-107 to..."designate and maintain an authorized utility representative...Comtel shall file the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these representatives with the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order."

Through letter filed by Comtel's counsel on March 24, 2006, Comtel seeks approval of an extension to April 7, 2006, to file the Company's revised tariffs and Authorized Utility Representative Information Form. According to Comtel, the Company will not begin providing service to the existing VarTec companies until the end of May upon consummation of the asset sale transaction approved in Order No. 2006-107. Comtel states that the requested extension is necessitated by the pending approvals in other states of the acquisition transaction. Comtel adds that the Office of Regulatory Staff has not objection to the requested extension.

We have examined this matter, and have concluded that Comtel's request for an extension of time should be granted as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the request of Comtel Telcom Assets LP for an extension of time to April 7, 2006, to file Comtel Telcom Assets LP's revised tariffs and Authorized Utility Representative Information Form is hereby granted.

2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of this Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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